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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (M. R. Ry. K. ACHYUTA MENON Avl., B.A., B.L.), in the Chair.

Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and T. V. Subramania Ayyar were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

TOWN COUNCILS OF KUNNAMKULAM AND VADAKKANCHERI—NOMINATIONS TO

26. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any nominations were made to the Town Councils of Vadakkancheri and Kunnamkulam from the Ezhuva community;

(*b*) if so, who were nominated;

(*c*) whether there was not representations from the Ezhuvas of Kunnamkulam to the Government praying that the President of the local S.N.D.P. Yogam may be nominated;

(*d*) why was he not nominated;

(*e*) what is the approximate population of the Ezhuva community within the Town Council limits of Vadakkancheri;

(*f*) whether Government have made any nomination to the present Vadakkancheri Town Council on the principle of communal representation;

(*g*) if so, who were the persons so nominated?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No Ezhuva member was nominated to the Vadakkancheri Town Council, but one was nominated to the Kunnamkulam Town Council.

(*b*) Mr. Erath Kunjunni Konnunni was nominated to the Kunnamkulam Town Council.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Mr. Konnunni appeared to Government to be a more deserving candidate.

(*e*) About 255.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Messrs. Melathil Sankaran Ezhuthassan and Jadamuni Naidu.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the vast majority—more than 80 per cent—of the Ezhuva voters of the Kunnamkulam Town had not applied to the Hon'ble Minister to nominate another person? I mean the President of the S. N. D. P. Yogam there.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. I am not sure whether the percentage is correct. Certainly there was a petition.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Whatever that be, it was a large majority.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I received petitions for and against this nomination.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I do not say that the nomination of Konnunni is incorrect, but that when it is a nomination to represent a community and the S. N. D. P. Yogam being recognised as the most representative Ezhuva organisation everywhere—in Travancore, Cochin and Malabar—the person recommended by such an organisation ought to have been considered favourably.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. But that restricts the field of choice of Government, if this principle is recognised. For example, there may be a Nayar Samajam, and if that Nayar Samajam recommends to Government a certain person and if Government are bound to accept their nomination, the field of choice is restricted.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is the nomination made by Government or by the S. N. D. P.?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* By Government, Sir. *(Laughter).*

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* But Ezhuva voters of that place wanted that a particular person should be nominated. Even the nominated gentleman himself put in his signature in that very petition.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I know how petitions are engineered and how this petition was drafted. I may assure the House that these nominations are effected after receiving information from the most responsible officers not only in this Department but even from the Revenue Department.

KUNNAMKULAM TOWN COUNCIL—TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES—LEVY OF

27. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Kunnamkulam Town Council has decided to levy taxes on motor vehicles;

(*b*) if so, what are the rates of taxes proposed to be levied on motor vehicles;

(*c*) what is the distance from the southern limit of the Kunnamkulam Town Council area to the Choondal Taluk toll-gate?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*)

(1) Motor vehicles with metal tyres constructed to carry two tons or more	Rs. 50—0—0
(2) Do. with rubber tyres	Rs. 37—8—0
(3) Do. with less than 2 tons	Rs. 25—0—0
(4) Motor bus constructed to carry 10 or more passengers	Rs. 25—0—0
(5) Four-wheeled motor car constructed to carry more than 3 and less than 10 passengers	Rs. 12—8—0
(6) Four-wheeled motor-car constructed to carry 3 or less passengers	Rs. 10—0—0
(7) Motor cycle with side-car	Rs. 7—8—0
(8) Do. without side-car	Rs. 5—0—0

(*c*) The distance from the southern limit of the Town Council to the Choondal Toll-gate is three miles and four furlongs approximately.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state the distance from the eastern limit of Trichur

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